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What the Kilowatt Is

Very few electric light users understand how the current is measured that furnishes them light and power or what constitutes a kilowatt.

A kilowatt is a definite quantity of electrical energy just as a bushel of wheat, a ton of coal or a gallon is a definite quantity. The watt is the unit of electrical energy just as the pound is the unit of weight and 1000 watts is called a kilowatt just as 2000 pounds is called a ton.

One kilowatt is equal to about 1 1/2 horse power; it represents enough power to lift a weight of 44,233 pounds, or more than 22 tons, one foot high in one minute. One kilowatt used for one hour would do 60 times as much work as mentioned above or would lift 1320 tons or a dozen large locomotives one foot high.

One kilowatt-hour will supply 25, 40-watt lamps for one hour or one lamp for 25 hours. It will pump with a motor-driven centrifugal pump, 1600 gallons of water into a tank 100 feet high.

One kilowatt of energy used for one hour is called one kilowatt-hour and is what you pay for because meters are arranged to measure kilowatt-hours, not kilowatts.

Burlington Engine the Prize Winner

The largest engine in the exhibit of the Baldwin Locomotive Works at the San Francisco Exposition, which was awarded the grand prize, was the Burlington's engine No. 6110. This is the largest road engine of the nonarticulated type ever built. It weighs nearly 300 tons, is almost 84 feet long and carries 17 tons of coal and 10,000 gallons of water. Its fire box is as large as a homestead shack and the inside diameter of the front end of the boiler is 7 feet 4 inches. It took 37 days to get this engine across the continent from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

A number of engines of this type are already in service on the Burlington's lines.

Your House Plants.

The professional florist understands that although house plants must be kept moist they must never be allowed to become soggy. To begin with, they should be well drained. Broken pots or cinders should be placed below the earth they grow in. The soil should be mixed with sand, too, to lighten it. Never water a plant until the soil on top is almost dry. Then water it thoroughly—drench it, but let the water drain out through the bottom of the pot, and never let it stand in the saucer under the pot, for it becomes stagnant and injures the plant.

Mulled Cider.

This is an excellent bedtime drink when one feels that he has taken cold or just after coming in from a wetting in the storm. Pound half an ounce of stick cinnamon and ten or twelve cloves until bruised. Put into a saucepan with half a grated nutmeg, cover with a half pint of boiling water and infuse on the back of the stove for 15 minutes. Strain, add sugar to taste and stir into a pint of hot cider.

Too Much for Her.

A little girl who was enrolled in the extension department of the Y. W. C. A. was asked by one of the secretaries of the association why she no longer attended the technical grammar class. "Well," replied the girl, "I always thought a conjunction was a place where trains stopped. When I learned it was a word that connected other words the class was too much for me."

To Fly the Flag.

The proper way to hang a flag from a flagstaff is on halyards, or ropes, by which it may be raised and lowered, and which allow it to follow the direction of the wind. The union should be in the upper corner next to the pole; the direction of the wind, of course, controls the direction of the stripes.

Scientific Improvement.

A chemical hygrometer, said to be much superior to the psychrometer for measuring relative humidity, provides means of determining the moisture content of the air by volume measurements before and after contact with sulphuric acid, which completely absorbs the water vapor present in one contact. A reading can be made in less than two minutes.

Poor Outlook.

"We want to keep business out of politics," said the reformer. "Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "you've taken all the pleasure out of it. If you take all the business out of it too, I don't see what's going to be left."—Washington Star.

Tobe's Grievance.

"Every time my fellow townsmen read of a gold brick being purchased anywhere within five hundred miles of here," grumbled Tobe Sagg of Goshkonong, "they hunt me up and state that they notice I have been travelling again."—Kansas City Star.

One Consolation.

A man who knows only one funny story is a relief. You can remember where the laugh comes and avoid hurting his feelings, without having to pay attention to the entire narrative.

Matter of Speculation.

Penelope—"Did the play have a happy ending?" Percival—"How should I know?" Penelope—"You saw it, didn't you?" Percival—"Yes, but the hero and the heroine married each other."—Judge.

Still, She's Long-Suffering.

A Chicago wife suing for divorce complains that she suffered "six smackless years." Well, even that's a little better than six smackless years. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Fabulous Bird.

The roc, a fabulous bird often referred to in the "Arabian Nights," was believed to be of such enormous size and strength as to be able to carry seven elephants in its talons.

Keeps Two Kinds of Time.

A new French three-handed watch tells both 12-hour and 24-hour time, one hour hand being used for each kind on separate dials, while a single minute hand does for both.

The Untutored Tungus.
The philosophy of the untutored Tungus, most northerly of the Siberian tribesmen, is "Eat much and laugh much." The gospel of conviviality is ever the same the world over. Civilized man says, "Eat, drink and be merry." By their lack of refining influences the Tungus merely lose such privileges as tipping the hat boy or hiring tables in advance for New Year's eve. That is all.—New York Sun.

Adage Traced to Bible.

"A little bird told me," is an almost universal adage based on the idea that this ubiquitous wanderer from the vantage of the upper air spies out all strange and secret things and tells them to those who can understand. Thus in Ecclesiastes 10:20: "Curse not the king, no; not in any thought; and curse not the rich in thy bed-chamber; for the bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter."

Requisite of Art.

What is wanted in a work of art is an unforced, natural, adequate correspondence between fancy and form, matter and spirit, so that one shall not be distracted by its naturalism, mysticism, cubism, whatnotism, but shall simply be moved in a deep impersonal way by perception of another's vision.—John Galsworthy in the Atlantic Monthly.

All Things for the Best.

Everything is providential. In that case, Providence has to answer for very terrible things. Things, however, may seem terrible to us because we know neither the beginning nor the end of them. Everything is for the best, otherwise the justice of God would not be satisfied.—Arranged From "On the Branch."

Ancient Gold Ornaments.

Gold ornaments found in Egypt in the royal tomb of King Menes and supposed to be the oldest objects of worked metal in the world date back 6,300 years, and include bits of gold, a bead, a button and also a piece of extremely fine copper wire.

Anniversaries of Snakebite.

A curious fact, and one not generally known, is the recurring symptom of snakebite on or about the anniversary of a bite. The victim of a snakebite may have these recurring symptoms for ten or twelve years, and there is a case on record where the recurring symptoms lasted for twenty-five years.

Swallowing a Fishbone.

Swallowing a piece of dry bread or cracker if a fishbone is lodged in the throat is a good remedy, but the acid from a lemon slowly sucked and swallowed will dissolve the bone to a jelly so that it will slip down easily.

Honor British Heroine.

In the officers' mess at the Royal Warwickshire regiment (formerly the Sixth regiment of foot) is a framed engraving of Hannah Snell, the British Amazon, who not only served in this regiment but also in the marines.

Heat From the Sun.

An Italian scientist has figured that a square mile of the surface of the earth in six hours of sunshine receives heat equivalent to the combustion of more than 2,600 tons of coal.

Novel Theatrical Scenery.

A method has been invented by a Russian artist for painting several theatrical scenes on the same canvas, the pictures changing as the light thrown on them is changed.

Alluring Offer.

J. Fuller Gloom—"I have a standing offer of ten dollars in gold for the first individual of any pair of bores to talk the other one to death."—Kansas City Star.

Optimistic.

Sniper—"I've knocked the spike out of 'is bloomin' 'elmet'—e's took the top out o' my bloomin' ear—and it's my shot next!"—London Opinion.

Greatly Exaggerated.

Assistant treasurer of the United States is credited with saying that the average dollar bill lasts about three weeks, but we all know it isn't true.—New York Evening Telegram.

Fate of Handsome Man.

A handsome man shares the fate of other natural scenery. No matter how much he is admired, he isn't allowed to interfere with practical enterprises.

Comfort.

It's the men's hats that make them bald, they say; and it must have been the haloes that did the same for the hallowed patriarchs of old. They wore naught else on their heads.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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